

McCormick’s Creek State Park


September 2012-Activities Schedule

Nature Center Hours:

9:30 am – 5 pm, Daily

812-829-4344

Schedules on the web at:

 <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>26</u> 9 am- Worship Service Nature Center 10 am- Turtle Feeding Canyon Inn 3 pm- Let There Be Light Nature Center	<u>27</u> 10 am- Wolf Cave Hike Meet @ Wolf Cave Parking 3 pm- Nature Video Nature Center	<u>28</u> 2 pm- Critter Feeding Nature Center	<u>29</u> 10 am- Wild Edibles Nature Center	<u>30</u> 10 am- Turtle Trot Nature Center 3 pm- Nature Video Nature Center	<u>31</u> 10 am- Peden Farm Hike Meet @ Deer Run Shelter 3 pm- Woodpecker Watch Nature Center	<u>1</u> 10 am – White River Hike Meet @ Wolf Cave Parking 3 pm- Walking Stick Wkshp \$5/stick- Nature Center 6 pm- Snakes Alive Nature Center 9 pm- Night Senses Meet @ Nature Center
<u>2</u> 9 am- Worship Service Nature Center 10 am- Turtle Feeding Canyon Inn 3 pm- Tall Trees Hike Meet @ Friendly Shelter	<u>3</u> 10 am- Creek Stomp Meet @ Canyon Inn 2 pm- Critter Feeding Canyon Inn	<u>4</u> 10 am- Twin Bridges Hike Meet @ Wolf Cave Parking 3 pm- Roving Naturalist	<u>5</u> 10 am- CCC History Hike Meet @ Canyon Inn	<u>6</u> 10 am- Quarryman’s Tale Meet @ CCC Recreation Hall 3 pm- Nature Video Nature Center	<u>7</u> 10 am- Peden Farm Hike Meet @ Deer Run Shelter 3 pm- Nature’s Kitchen Nature Center	<u>8</u> BBQ & BLUES 12 pm-8 pm Fun filled day of music and food! See event flier for details.
<u>9</u> 8 am- Coffee and Songbirds Nature Center 9 am- Worship Service Nature Center 10 am- Turtle Feeding Canyon Inn 2 pm- Critter Feeding Nature Center	<u>10</u> 10 am- The Truth about Wildfires Meet @ Canyon Inn 3 pm- Nature Video Nature Center	<u>11</u> 10 am- Roving Naturalist 3 pm- Fossil Walk Meet @ Canyon Inn 6pm- Friends of McCormick’s Creek State Park Meeting Nature Center	<u>12</u> 10 am- Extended Canyon Rim Hike Meet @ Nature Center 3 pm- Roving Naturalist	<u>13</u> 10 am- Tall Trees Hike Meet @ Friendly Shelter 3 pm- Nature Video Nature Center	<u>14</u> 10 am- Wolf Cave Hike Meet @ Wolf Cave Parking 3 pm- Owls of McCormick’s Creek Nature Center	<u>15</u> 10 am-Creek Stomp Meet @ Canyon Inn 2 pm- Critter Feeding Nature Center 3 pm- Hike & Seek Scavenger Hunt Meet @ Canyon Inn 7:30 pm- Summer Concert Series @ Park Amphitheatre Bomar & Ritter
<u>16</u> 9 am- Worship Service Nature Center 10 am- 10 am- Turtle Feeding Canyon Inn 3 pm- Animals Do the Grossest Things! Nature Center	<u>17</u> 10 am- Quarryman’s Tale Meet @ CCC Recreation Hall 3 pm- Indiana Invaders Nature Center	<u>18</u> 10 am- Roving Naturalist 3 pm- Peden Farm Hike Meet @ Deer Run Shelter	<u>19</u> 10 am- Useful Plants Nature Center	<u>20</u> 10 am- Fossil Walk Meet @ Canyon Inn	<u>21</u> 10 am- Roving Naturalist 3 pm- Tall Trees Hike Meet @ Friendly Shelter	<u>22</u> 10am- Craft: Corn Husk Dolls Nature Center 2 pm- Critter Feeding Nature Center 5 pm-Fantastic Falls Meet @ Canyon Inn 9 pm- Hoot Owl Hike Meet @ Beech Grove Shelter
<u>23</u> Archaeology Day 10 am- 4 pm Nature Center 4 Mile Trail Run/Walk See registration form	<u>24</u> 10 am- The Forest Around Us Meet @ Wolf Cave Parking 3pm- Hike & Seek Scavenger Hunt Meet @ Canyon Inn	<u>25</u> 10 am- CCC History Hike Meet @ Canyon Inn 3 pm- Snakes Alive! Nature Center	<u>26</u> 10 am- Fossil Walk Meet @ Canyon Inn 3 pm- Wild Edibles Meet @ Nature Center	<u>27</u> 10 am- Quarryman’s Tale Meet @ CCC Recreation Hall 3 pm- Nature Video Nature Center	<u>28</u> 10 am- Roving Naturalist 3 pm- Twin Bridges Hike Meet @ Wolf Cave Parking	<u>29</u> 10 am- Slimy Salamanders Nature Center 2 pm- Critter Feeding Nature Center 4 pm- Craft: Old Fashioned Candle Making Nature Center 9 pm- Full Moon Hike Meet @ Nature Center

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Property Manager – Dwight Brooks

Assistant Manager – Brady Givens

Interpreters – Abby Dean, Emily Frazier, Colleen Minnemeyer & Sam Arthur

Animals Do the Grossest Things!: Talk- Learn why some animals use strange and gross adaptations to survive in the wild.

Coffee and Songbirds: Activity- Enjoy a hot cup of joe while you watch and identify birds from the observation room at the Nature Center.

Crafts: Make a nature-themed craft to take home! (No fee, but donations are appreciated.)

Creek Stomp: Hike- Splash around in the water while we catch and release aquatic critters.

Critter Feeding: Activity- Every Tuesday we feed our resident Nature Center animals. Come find out what they eat!

Extended Canyon Rim Hike: Hike- This outing will take us along the rim of the canyon. This two hour hike will take us through some of the best features in the park!

The Forest Around Us: Hike- Join us on a moderate hike that explores the dynamic system of the forest. Gain a new awareness of the ever-changing natural world.

Fossil Walk: Hike- Did you know that Indiana was once covered by an ocean? Discover the ancient sea creatures that have been preserved in time in McCormick’s Creek canyon!

Fantastic Falls: Hike- Walk through the heart of the park, Echo Canyon, and find fossils along the way! Travel though time as you learn about the different layers of rock and how they were formed.

Hike and Seek Scavenger Hunt: Hike- People of all ages have many things to explore in nature. See if *you* can find a list of cool nature items as we hike through the forest and learn!

Hoot Owl Hike: Hike- Have you ever heard the unique calls of owls in the night? Learn about owls of McCormick’s Creek, and take a night hike through one of their favorite places.

Nature Video: Movie- Need a break from the heat? Cool off and relax in the NC program room while watching one of our many informative and inspiring nature themed films.

Night Senses Hike: Hike- Experience how your senses are affected by the dark and how other animals are built to survive in a night time environment.

Owls of McCormick’s Creek: Talk- Learn about these “tigers of the sky,” and how they’re built to be the perfect nighttime hunter.

Peden Farm Hike: Hike- Visit the homestead of one of the park’s earliest settlers, and see the newly renovated spring house. A naturalist will be your guide as you walk through history

Quarryman’s Tale: Hike- Take a guided tour of the Statehouse Quarry with a park Naturalist and envision a day in the life of a stone cutter.

Roving Naturalist: Look for a friendly and knowledgeable naturalist out in the park!

Slimy Salamanders: Talk- Meet our resident tiger salamander and learn why he is so unique.

Snakes Alive!: Talk- Learn about the unique characteristics of snakes and why they are our friends and not our enemies. Meet a live one!

Tall Trees Hike: Hike- Trees can live for centuries! Walk under some of the largest trees in the park while a naturalists helps you learn to identify different tree species.

The Truth about Forest Fires: Hike- Did you hear about the wildfire at the park? Learn about wildfire behavior and how it affects the forest. It’s not always as destructive as you might think!

Turtle Feeding: Talk- Join us Sunday mornings at the Canyon Inn while a Naturalist feeds the resident turtle. A special critter guest may also make an appearance.

Turtle Trot: Talk- Meet the live turtles in the Nature Center and learn cool turtle facts.

Twin Bridges Hike: Hike- Walk with a naturalist on trail 5 and learn about the unique geology at the park, where water carves caves, canyons, and sinkholes!

Useful Plants: Talk- Discover the abundance of uses that plants found in the park have provided us in the past and still today. Learn some ways you can use plants too!

Upperfalls Creek Hike: Hike- Walk through the upper canyon and see the falls from above! Be prepared to get your shoes a little wet as we explore geology, creek life, and more!

Walking Stick Workshop: Activity- Personalize your very own walking stick to take on hikes through the park! \$5 per stick.

White River Hike: Hike- Walk down to one of Indiana’s longest rivers with a park naturalist who will show you an old railroad bridge foundation, and identify unique river birds too!

Wild Edibles: Hike- Nature has provided abundant food sources! Discover what things you can eat straight from the forest, and sample some yummy treats!

Woodpecker Watch: Learn interesting facts about the woodpeckers’ unique excavating techniques. Hopefully we’ll see and hear them in action!

Worship Service: Non-denominational worship service. Outdoors in fair weather, indoors in poor weather.

Special Events

BBQ & Blues: Put on your dancin’ shoes for our annual music and food event! Hosted by the Friends of McCormick’s Creek, at the Nature Center. Event is from 11 am -8 pm. Food provided by Smokin’ Jack’s Rib Shack and Short Stop BBQ Train. Concerts by Carson Diersing, The Keepers, The Freddie Shaw Band, and King Bee and the Stingers.

Archaeology Day: Special Event- White River Valley Archaeological Association will be at the Nature Center from 10am- 4 pm, with fun for all ages! Highlights include artifact exhibits, an excavation exhibit, replica prehistoric tools, and you can participate in atlatl throwing and flint knapping!

4 Mile Trail Run/Walk: The YMCA partners with Friends of McCormick’s Creek to host this race. Entry fee is \$18 before Sept. 14 and includes a t-shirt. Entry fee is \$20 after Sept. 14. Race begins at 2 pm. For more information call (812)828-9622. Register online at www.Mag7RaceSeries.com